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Friday 16th July 2021,

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

I can't quite believe we are heading into the last week of the school year! What a year it has been! We are hoping that we see the week through and can enjoy some fun times with the children next week before the summer holidays. Despite the planned national lifting of restrictions on Monday the advice to schools from the DfE and NYCC is to maintain our precautionary measures in school until the end of term. As I am sure you are aware, there is a worsening situation locally and we are keen to see the week out with our children and enjoy the remaining activities and events we have planned if we can.

Next Friday, 23rd July is the last day of this academic year and school finishes at 3.15pm as normal.

### **Non-uniform Fundraiser**

Thank you for supporting Finn and his family with our fundraiser for Sarcoma awareness, we made £107.50. Well done everyone.

### **School Photograph**

We have two copies of the whole school photograph but the order forms have not got names on. If you did not receive your ordered copy from your child today, it is possibly yours, please let us know. Thank you.

### **Staffing**

This week Miss Robertson has been poorly with a bout of tonsillitis and sickness. She was due back in school today but unfortunately yesterday we were notified that she was required to isolate until the end of term. Miss Robertson will be joining us remotely next week and the children will be looked after in school by a combination of Mrs Seller and Mrs Webster.

### **Leavers Sleepover**

On Thursday evening Miss Wardle and I had a sleepover with Year 6 in school. We had a fabulous time and had a water party, take out, movies and bacon butties for breakfast. I would like to say that it was a great evening (despite the lack of sleep) and that year 6 were an absolute pleasure to spend time with and we really enjoyed ourselves, thank you!

### **Sports Day**

We had a fabulous sports day this week and the children were amazing. We enjoyed all the usual races and a few extra and an ice pop and watermelon! Once again, we are sorry that we had to take the decision not to allow parents to come along this year. Please be assured that we made this difficult decision based on guidance from North Yorkshire County Council and our specific school risk assessment. We do completely understand how unfair it seems especially after you are no doubt seeing the large crowds at sporting events on the television, we feel the same! There are a number of local schools who are currently adversely affected by Covid again and have had to close bubbles and in some cases, the whole school. We would be devastated if we didn't get to the end of another term due to Covid. Your children's welfare is our main priority and we are just delighted we were able to give them a sports day at all because at one point even this was in question! I do hope you understand and as always, thank you for your support.

We took lots of photos and we will share these to you as soon as we can.

### **New Starters**

We have managed to welcome our new starters this week into the EYFS base. They were unable to meet the other children but have enjoyed getting to know the staff and their new classroom. We are really looking forward to working with them in September, they were a super bunch who settled with no tears! Well done!

### **Leavers Service**

At the time of writing we fully intend to go ahead with our Leavers Service, however with regret we will be limiting attendees to just the families of Year 6 pupils this year and not parents of other year groups. Further details to follow via email to Y6 parents next week.

### **SEND Review**

North Yorkshire County Council, Parent carer voice, and local Clinical Commissioning groups are developing a joint strategy for North Yorkshire that covers education, health and care, for children and young people with SEND up to the age of 25 years. They are asking for input from professionals, parent carers, children and young people, and anyone else who wants to share their experiences of SEND services in North Yorkshire.

Information about how to share your views is here [www.northyorks.gov.uk/sendreview](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sendreview)

There are a number of ways that you and interested parties can participate - the Council for Disabled Children is hosting online events starting w/c 28 June, there is an online survey, or you can email [send@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:send@northyorks.gov.uk) or call 01609 780780.

### **Read Wild Summer Library Challenge**

Children can find out all about looking after the natural world this summer when North Yorkshire libraries and the Reading Agency invite them to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge.

The Challenge is aimed at children aged 4 to 11, encouraging them to read six library books over the summer holiday period. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes, and is all about what they can do to make a difference to the environment and stand up for the planet.

To take part and be a Wild World Hero, children just need to sign up at their nearest library. They'll be given a colourful fold out map of an imaginary place called Wilderville. As they read their chosen books, they will receive stickers (some scratch & sniff!) and can use the stickers to fix an environmental problem and make Wilderville a better, greener place to be. There are more free incentives to collect along the way and those who complete the Challenge will receive a medal and a certificate to celebrate their achievement.

The challenge is open to all children aged four to 11, and they can choose from a vast range of books at the library or download them as an eBook from the catalogue. There are loads of fantastic new books about protecting the planet and our wildlife but they don't have to stick to that theme – any library book they want to borrow will count. It's a great way to encourage children to keep up their reading skills during the long break.

A brilliant programme of online events for families will also support the Challenge, including a cartoon workshop, a story hunt, finding out why rubbish isn't rubbish and how to be a North Yorkshire Rotter! Look out for more details of the events and great reading recommendations on the @nycclibraries Facebook page and local library pages too. The challenge starts in libraries on Sat 10th July and finishes on Sat 11th September.

### **Diary Dates**

<b>Y6 Leavers Service</b>	Thursday 22nd July 1.30pm
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Next week I will be in Egton School on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and at Danby School on Tuesday all day and Thursday and Friday mornings.

With best wishes,



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

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**REMINDER - Staff Contact**

Please contact your class teacher via email in the first instance if you require assistance with any aspect of the remote learning or google access, such as passwords. Thank you.

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Please note that staff emails are only monitored during the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday. For anything urgent outside of these hours please contact the admin email.

[admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

**REMINDER - Covid Guidance**

We have updated our parent guidance which you can find [HERE](#).

We now have a [Face Covering Protocol](#) in place.

**REMINDER - Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff**

On Sunday 28 February, the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including child care and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test centre
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit on-line

This [guidance](#) provides information on who can be tested and how you can get a test.

**REMINDER- Covid testing**

If your child starts to show any symptoms of Covid or you have taken them for a Covid test please let us know via the admin email, even at the weekend. We are still required to report all cases of Covid linked to our school and monitor our emails for covid notifications daily. Thank you.

**REMINDER - Term Dates**

Friday 23rd July - Break up for Summer at 3.15pm

## **Whitby Food Bank**

We continue to act as a local collection point for the village and immediate areas for Whitby Food Bank. There is a collection box at the front of school should you wish to make a donation of essential items to the food bank at any time. We are working to be Covid safe, the box is located beside our sanitising station and items will be quarantined before being exchanged with the bank. Do check out their website to see which items are greatly needed at the moment. Thank you. [www.foodbank4whitby.org.uk](http://www.foodbank4whitby.org.uk)